

The Agency

Office of the Child Advocate

Agency Operations

The Office of the Child Advocate is charged with fulfilling a statutory mandate to protect the legal, civil and special rights of all children and youth involved in the care of the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF). In so doing, the Office strives to improve conditions and circumstances through monitoring, compliance, and advocacy.

The office is staffed with 5.8 authorized full-time equivalent (FTE) positions. The office is responsible for oversight of DCYF care for 5,300 children and yearly monitoring site visits to monitor their care at 120 group homes and residential programs in the state. The office also provides direct legal representation for at least 35-40 children voluntarily placed in state care.

The office reviews and monitors systematic and individual issues related to 250 residents at the Rhode Island Training School. It provides direct overs

The Budget

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	FY 2004 Actual	FY 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Revised	FY 2007 Recommended
Expenditures By Object				
Personnel	429,865	285,679	460,343	521,076
Other State Operations	96,299	80,632	86,338	81,520
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	72,064	54,563	-	-
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$598,228	\$420,874	\$546,681	\$602,596
Capital Improvements	-	-	-	-
Capital Debt Service	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$598,228	\$420,874	\$546,681	\$602,596
 Expenditures By Funds				
General Revenue	497,068	339,721	536,189	562,596
Federal Funds	84,478	81,153	10,492	40,000
Restricted Receipts	16,682	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$598,228	\$420,874	\$546,681	\$602,596
 FTE Authorization				
	5.8	5.8	6.1	5.8
 Agency Measures				
Minorities as a Percentage of the Workforce	12.5%	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%
Females as a Percentage of the Workforce	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Persons with Disabilities as a Percentage of the Workforce	-	-	-	-
 Program Measures				
Percentage of Facilities that are Inspected and Compliant with Standards of Care	90.9%	90.0%	90.0%	90.0%